

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Tuesday September 30, 2025 @ 6:30pm

In attendance:

Selectboard

Reginald Bunnell – chair

Raymond Terry Williams

Tyler Fournier

Board Secretary

Terri L. Williams

Citizen

Representative John Kascenska

Liam Abbate - NVDA

CALL TO ORDER

Reg called the meeting to order at 6:30

APPROVE MINUTES:

Minutes of July 29, 2025, selectboard meeting were approved

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS/REQUESTS/INPUT

- Under 2024's state Act 181, regional planning commissions are required to create a new regional future land use map for their regional plans. Liam Abbate from NVDA completed Granby's portion of this regional map in July. He met with the Selectboard to explain the map and answer any questions. The map shows the outline of Granby's downtown designation. Basically, the requirement of the map is to cover every acre of each town's property – wetlands, forest service, river corridors, village centers etc. The potential benefit to our town is better access to grant money for improving our historic buildings. This will not affect zoning/planning in our town. The map is available for review in the town office.

REPORT FROM THE ROAD COMMISSIONER:

R. Terry reported the following:

- The Buzzle Gap turnaround is complete
- We have received reimbursement for the FEMA Grant in the amount of \$67,772.85
- The work on the Buzzell Gap Road using a grant in the amount of \$6,000 is complete
- The work on Mathews Knoll Road using a grant in the amount of \$20,000 is complete
- The work on Road Inventory using a grant in the amount of \$2,000 is complete
- Asked the board if they were on board with having Casey contract the leaf blowing again this year pending the ability to use Victory's equipment. Reg and Tyler were in agreement. R. Terry abstained.

REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK:

Terri L. reported the following:

- The Cargill Quote Letter needed to be signed.
- She let the board know that she has reviewed and signed an agreement that the Enhanced 911 Board Annual Map Book is up to date and has sent the signed copy to the 911 Board.
- LIADSA and Weyerhaeuser gave us notice that there will be heavy cuts made on their properties.
- Calkins Sand & Gravel is now Peckham Industries, Inc. They have asked us to sign an agreement. I will check with Casey to see if we even use them anymore. It appears that the last transaction with them was in 2017.
- Terri Lynn requested that we have TCM Bank update our credit card usernames by taking Sheryl Brown off the account and putting me (Terri L. Williams) on the account. She also requested to have an increased credit limit from \$1,000 to \$3,000. This card is used for QuickBooks, and their yearly fee is now over the \$1,000 mark. The board agreed unanimously on both requests.
- Mark Fulton, our "IT" guy, has had no less than 20 interactions with the town office to help with computer questions, concerns, needs. The board agreed to have me purchase three gift cards each in the amount of \$100 to give to Mark as a thank you for all that he has done for us.
- The person who cleans the town building should be treated as a contractor instead of as an employee. The board agreed to the change.
- Our first electric bill since the installation of the solar panels, was outrageously high. GMP made a note that the meter reading was incorrect so they would send a revised bill which they did. The bills for the town garage and the town hall got fixed and the bills had a credit amount of \$1.50.
- Passumpsic Bank sent us closing copies of our loan documents that we were planning to use for FEMA repairs from the flood of 2024. The town was able to make payments through our general ledger account without the need for a loan. Therefore, the loan was closed.
- East Burke Volunteer Fire Brigade sent us a bill for the fire at 6270 Granby Road, also known as the Robert Roy property, in the amount of \$6,750.
- Our annual Fire Extinguisher inspection is complete.
- The board requested that a policy be written to provide for town work done that is outside the scope of their regular duties.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Reg installed an additional bulletin board in the outer office per Terri Lynn's request. Thank you, Reg!!

NEW BUSINESS:

- The federal government website we use for federal grant funds is called SAM (System for Award Management). All federal grant reimbursements are run through this entity. Terri Lynn has requested to have the Entity Administrator for this website be changed from Sheryl Brown, who has now moved out of town to Terri L. Williams, our newish Town Clerk and Treasurer. The board voted unanimously to approve this change request.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Tyler gave us an update on the progress of the MERP grant. There were no changes from the last report. He suggested that we have a town wide meeting (gathering) to inform the town about the great accomplishments and improvements that were made because of this grant. All were in agreement. We plan on making something happen in the spring.
- John Kascenska gave the board an update on happenings in the political arena. He noted that on the transportation front, the Agency of Transportation revenue is down prompting a cut of roughly \$7.5 million to the budget due to a decrease in gas tax income caused by a shrink population of tourists. Most season's the agency paves roughly 135 miles of road. This year it was down to 2 or 3 hundred miles. John also mentioned that the redistricting committee is still working on their assignment to create district maps. There are presently 117 districts. Beth Quimby from Lyndonville is on that committee.
- Reg spoke of a concern as to how the fire at 6270 was handled. The rest of the board was concerned as well. No decisions were made.

ADJOURN:

Reg Bunnell adjourned the meeting at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Board Secretary

Terri L. Williams

Approved by the select board

Chair _____

Member _____

Member _____